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Application of

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action malled on January 16, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction between allegedly distinct inventions identified by the Examiner as Group I (claims 1-43, 50-52 and 55-66), said to be drawn to a process and classified in class 427, subclass 508; and Group II (claims 44-49 and 53-54), said to be drawn to an article and classified in class 428, subclass 411.1.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to have the claims of Group I examined on the merits. Serial No. 10/623,729 Docket No. AXC 0003 12/40970.21

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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